

**MINUTES OF THE  
HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 1, 2005**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historical Design Review Commission was called to order on March 1, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. by Chrm. Smith in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Elder, McCord, Merz, S. White,  
W. White, Chrm. Smith

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Powers, Briggs

**STAFF PRESENT:** Will Wong, Community Development  
Director; Reg Murray, Associate Planner;  
Janet Ferro, Administrative Assistant

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

**ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of February 1 and February 15, 2005 were approved as presented.

**ITEM IV: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lorelei Hodkin, City Historian, had comments for the Commissioners on the history of the buildings on this agenda.

Ross Carpenter, president of the Old Town Auburn Preservation Society (OTAPS), advised the Commission that the buildings at 215/217 Maple Street will be undergoing extensive renovations in the near future.

**ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW**

**A. Historic Design Review – 215/217 Maple Street (OTAPS Preservation Society Buildings) – File HDR 05-3.** The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval for

building improvements at 215/217 Maple Street. The request includes replacement of a second-floor balcony on the front of the building and replacement of a porch on the rear of the building.

Reg Murray gave the staff report. He described the renovations proposed for the second floor balcony and the rear of the building and reviewed the recommended conditions. Staff supports the proposal.

Comm. W. White recused himself because of his involvement with the project.

The public hearing was opened.

Wayne White, volunteer for Old Town Auburn Preservation Society, gave further history on the structure of the buildings, how the façade has changed over the years and how the OTAPS organization planned this initial part of the restoration. He responded to Commissioners questions.

Comm. Elder inquired about the colors proposed and whether they are historically correct.

Ross Carpenter returned to the lectern and advised that the colors proposed were in keeping with the historical period when the buildings were constructed.

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project and were all in favor of the proposal.

Comm. S. White **MOVED** to:

- A. Find the project Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act per Section 15301(g) – Existing Facilities, and
- B. Approve the request for building additions at 215/217 Maple Street subject to the conditions listed below and as modified by the Historic Design Review Commission.

Comm. McCord **SECONDED**.

Comm. McCord **MOVED** to add 3 conditions:

Condition #4:

“Balusters for the deck railing shall be provided as spindle-style per Exhibit “A” or picket-style.”

Condition #5:

“The lean-to shed east of the rear door shall be removed.”

Condition #6:

“All swamp coolers and the electrical conduit on the front of the building shall be removed.”

Comm. Elder **SECONDED**.

The motion to add three conditions was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The vote on the main motion:

AYES:	McCord, Merz, S. White, Elder, Chrm. Smith
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	W. White
ABSENT:	Powers, Briggs

The motion was approved.

The Chairman announced the 10-day appeal period.

**ITEM VI:**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
FOLLOW-UP REPORTS**

**A.** City Council Meetings.

No report.

**B.** Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings

No report.

**C.** Reports

None.

**ITEM VII: HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS**

Comm. Elder has been able to locate only a minimum of information on historical colors, and she suggested contacting a restoration architect for guidelines. Chrm. Smith stated that this will be noted as a future agenda item for discussion

**ITEM VIII: FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS**

Chrm. Smith stated the Commission would like to review historic design guidelines and to produce a standard for allowable paint colors in the historical Old Town area.

**ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Elaine Ferro, Administrative Assistant